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: DECISION ACCORDING STATUS

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This is in response to the renewed petition filed by facsimile on 12 August, 2002, under 37 CFR 1.47(b).

The petition is **GRANTED**.

Petitioner has shown, via the declaration of registered patent attorney Michael J. Ure, that a copy of the application was sent via E-mail to the non-signing inventor. The inventor, however, failed to sign and return the declaration naming him as the sole inventor. Additionally, petitioners have shown proprietary interest by providing a copy of the employment agreement between the non-signing inventor and Rule 47(b) applicant. Lastly, petitioner has submitted a declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63 and 1.64 and has demonstrated that such action is necessary to prevent irreparable damage.

This application and papers have been reviewed and found in compliance with 37 CFR 1.47(b). This application is hereby accorded Rule 1.47(b) status.

As provided in Rule 1.47(c), this Office will forward notice of this application's filing to the non-signing inventor. Notice of the filing of this application will also be published in the Official Gazette.

The application file is being forwarded to Technology Center 2600 for examination in due course.

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